B. A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022

(2022 Admissions (regular) 2021 Admissions (Improvement / Supplementary), 2020, 2019, 2018, Admissions Supplementary)

SEMESTER I - CORE COURSE (SOCIOLOGY)

SO1B01B18 - METHODOLOGY AND PERSPECTIVES OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Time: 3 Hours Maximum Marks: 80

Part A

I. Answer any Ten questions. Each question carries 2 marks

(10x2=20)

- 1. Name some specialized fields in Sociology.
- 2. What is scientific knowledge? How does it differ from knowledge acquired "unconsciously"?
- 3. Mention any two regional issues from your social surrounding.
- 4. Explain the basic assumptions of Science.
- 5. What is Hypothesis?
- 6. Explain the meaning of Ethical Neutrality.
- 7. What is dependent variable?
- 8. What is value neutrality?
- 9. What is meant by skepticism?
- 10. What is the difference between subjectivity and objectivity?
- 11. What do you mean by feminist approach?
- 12. What is Critical Theory?

Part B

II. Answer any Six questions. Each question carries 5 marks

(6x5=30)

- 13. Why would it have been difficult to carry on the scientific investigation in primitive societies or even in the Middle Ages?
- 14. Compare and contrast the features of the social sciences and the natural sciences.
- 15. Discuss Plato's system of education.
- 16. Compare and contrast the features of commonsense and sociology.
- 17. Discuss the pre-publication process.
- 18. Examine the various elements of the scientific spirit.
- 19. Explain the differences between objectivity and subjectivity.
- 20. Explain multidisciplinarity with a suitable example.
- 21. Discuss disciplinary approach with a suitable example.

Part C

III. Answer any Two questions. Each question carries 15 marks

(2x15=30)

- 22. Critically evaluate the relevance of social sciences to understand and solving contemporary social problems at local, regional, national and global levels.
- 23. Give an elaborate description on methods in Social Sciences.

- 24. Give an elaborate account of scientific skepticism with suitable examples.
- 25. What are the different social science disciplines? Examine how an inter-disciplinary perspective can bring together these different disciplines.